GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Lack of Irrigation Facilities
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers in Assam are facing lack of irrigation facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of irrigation farmers are in starvation like condition;

(d) if so, the details of funds sanctioned and released to Assam for irrigation schemes during the last three years; and

(e) the details of action taken by the Government to enhance the irrigation system in Assam?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): As per available estimates (2012-13), the net sown area of Assam State is about 2.81 million ha, of which nearly 0.161 million ha area is covered under irrigation.

(c): Agriculture operations in rainfed/dry land areas are mostly dependant on rainfall. These areas are vulnerable to water stress and deficit rainfall. However, there is no starvation condition of farmers in the State.

(d): Funds provided to Government of Assam for various irrigation/water conservation/water management schemes during the last three years is as under:

Rs. in Crore

Sl.	Components/Activities	Funds released during last three years (2012-13 to 2014-15)
1	Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP)	1519.07
2	Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM)	2.6948
3	Watershed Development − Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)	166.56
4	Micro Irrigation	1.0
5	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)	45.51*
6.	World Bank assisted Assam Agriculture Competitiveness Project (AACP)	217.73*
	Total	1952.564

*Funds utilized by State for Water conservation & management activities.

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With an aim to enhance irrigation coverage and improve water use efficiency in the country including Assam, Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) w.e.f. 1st July, 2015. PMKSY envisages end-to-end solutions in irrigation supply chain, viz. water sources, and distribution network and farm level applications. PMKSY is to be implemented in an area development approach, adopting decentralized state level planning and projectised execution, allowing the states to draw their irrigation development plans based on district/blocks plans with a horizon of 5 to 7 years. States can take up projects based on the District/State Irrigation Plan.

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